



On $Ng\alpha$ -Continuous functions in nano topological spaces

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions in nano topological spaces and also we introduce and study the relation between $Ng\alpha$ - irresolute functions and $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions and $Ng\alpha$ -closed functions.

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1. Introduction

In 1970 In general, continuous function is one of the main concepts in Topology. In 1991, Balachandran [1] et.al., introduced and studied the notions of generalized continuous functions. The concept of Nano topology was introduced by Lellis Thivagar[6] which was defined in terms of approximations and boundary regions of a subset of a universe using an equivalence relation on it and he also defined Nano continuous functions, Nano open maps, Nano closed maps and Nano homeomorphisms and their representations in terms of Nano interior and Nano closure. In this paper we introduce $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions and $Ng\alpha$ - irresolute function and $Ng\alpha$ -open and closed functions and discuss some of their properties.

The structure of this manuscript is as follows:

In section 2, we recall some existing definitions and lemmas which are more important to prove our main results.

In section 3, we induct and study some theorems which satisfies the conditions of $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions.

In section 4, we introduce and examine some theorems which satisfies the conditions of $Ng\alpha$ - irresolute functions.

In section 5, we introduced and study some theorems which satisfies the conditions of $Ng\alpha$ -open and closed functions.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic definitions and results in nano topological spaces are given, which are useful to prove the main results

Definition 2.1. [6] Let U be a non-empty finite set of objects called the universe and R be an equivalence relation on U named as indispensability relation. Then U is divided into disjoint equivalence classes. Elements belonging to the same equivalence class are said to be indiscernible with one another. The pair (U, R) is said to be the approximation space. Let $X \subseteq U$. Then,

(i) The lower approximation of x with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be for certain classified as X with respect to R and is denoted by $L_R(X)$.

$L_R(X) = \bigcup_{x \in U} \{R(x) : R(x) \subseteq X\}$ where $R(x)$ denotes the equivalence class determined by $x \in U$.

(ii) The upper approximation of x with respect to R is the set of all objects which can be possibly classified as X with respect to R and is denoted by $U_R(X)$.

$$U_R(X) = \bigcup_{x \in U} \{R(x) : R(x) \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$$

(iii) The boundary region of x with respect to R is the set of all objects which can be classified neither as X nor as not- X with respect to R and it is denoted by $B_R(X)$.

$$B_R(X) = U_R(X) - L_R(X).$$

Definition 2.2. [6] Let U be the universe, R be an equivalence relation on U and $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \emptyset, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ where $X \subseteq U$. Then $\tau_R(X)$ satisfies the following axioms

- (i) U and $\emptyset \in \tau_R(X)$.
- (ii) The union of the elements of any sub-collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$.
- (iii) The intersection of the elements of any finite sub collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$.

Then $\tau_R(X)$ is a topology on U called the nano topology on U with respect to X . We call $(U, \tau_R(X))$ as nano topological space. The elements of $\tau_R(X)$ are called as nano-open sets. The complement of the nano-open sets are called nano-closed sets.

Remark 2.3. [6] If $\tau_R(X)$ is the nano topology on U with respect to X , then the set $B = \{U, L_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ is the basis for $\tau_R(X)$.

Definition 2.4. [6] If $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is a nano topological space with respect to X where $X \subseteq U$ and if $A \subseteq U$, then

- (i) The nano interior of A is defined as the union of all nano-open subsets of A is contained in A and is denoted by $Nint(A)$. That is, $Nint(A)$ is the largest nano-open subset of A .
- (ii) The nano closure of A is defined as the intersection of all nano-closed sets containing A and is denoted by $Ncl(A)$. That is, $Ncl(A)$ is the smallest nano-closed set containing A .

Definition 2.5. [?] A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is called

- nano continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is nano open in (X, τ) for every nano open set V in (Y, σ)
- nano semi-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is nano semi-open in (X, τ) for every nano open set V in (Y, σ)
- nano pre-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is nano pre-open in (X, τ) for every nano open set V in (Y, σ)
- nano α -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is nano α open in (X, τ) for every nano open set V in (Y, σ)
- nano regular-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is nano regular-open in (X, τ) for every nano open set V in (Y, σ)

Definition 2.6. [?] If $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is a nano topological space and if $A \subseteq U$. Then A is said to be

1. Ng -closed [1] if $Ncl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano-open in U .
2. $Ng\alpha$ -closed [4] if $N\alpha cl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano α -open in U .

3. $N\alpha g$ -closed [4] if $N\alpha cl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano-open in U .

4. Ngp -closed [3] if $Np cl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano-open in U .

5. $Ngpr$ -closed [8] if $Np cl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano regular open in U .

6. $Ngsp$ -closed [3] if $Nsp cl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano-open in U .

7. $Ng\hat{c}$ -closed [3] if $Ncl(A) \subseteq V$ whenever $A \subseteq V$ and V is nano semi-open in U .

3. $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions

In this section we define $Ng\alpha$ -continuous functions and discuss some of their properties.

Definition 3.1. Let $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ be two nano topological spaces. Then a mapping $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is called $Ng\alpha$ -continuous if the inverse image of every nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Theorem 3.2. : A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Proof. Suppose the function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous. Let G be a nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $Y-G$ is nano open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Since f is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y - G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. But $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. So $f^{-1}(G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Conversely, suppose that the inverse image of every nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Let G be a nano open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $Y-G$ is nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. By hypothesis $f^{-1}(Y - G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. But $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(G)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -open in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous function. \square

Theorem 3.3. : Let $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ are any two nano topological spaces. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is nano continuous function, then f is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous, but not conversely.

Proof. Let F be any nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(F)$ is nano closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Since every nano closed set is $Ng\alpha$ -closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(F)$ is $Ng\alpha$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is $Ng\alpha$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as proved by the following example. \square

Example 3.4. Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $X = \{a, b\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(X) = \{U, \emptyset, \{b, c, d\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}\}$. Also $V = \{w, x, y, z\}$, $Y =$



$\{w,x\}$ and $V/R = \{\{w,z\}, \{x\}, \{y\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x\}, \{w,x,z\}, \{w,z\}\}$, and $\tau_R^C(X) = \{V, \phi, \{w,y,z\}, \{y\}, \{x,y\}\}$. Define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = w, f(b) = x, f(c) = y, f(d) = z$ which is nano Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. But for the nano closed set $\{w,y,z\}$ in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, its inverse $f^{-1}(w,y,z) = \{a,c,d\}$ is not nano closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is not nano continuous.

Theorem 3.5. : Let $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ are any two nano topological spaces. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is nano α -continuous function, then f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous, but not conversely.

Proof. Let F be any nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Since f is nano α -continuous, then $f^{-1}(F)$ is nano α -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Since every nano α -closed set is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(F)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as proved by the following example. □

Example 3.6. From the example 3.4, the subset $A = \{a,c,d\}$ is not nano α -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is not nano α -continuous.

Theorem 3.7. : Let $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ are any two nano topological spaces. If a function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function, Then f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous and hence Ngp-continuous but not conversely.

Proof. Let F be any nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $f^{-1}(F)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Since f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. Since every Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set is N α g-closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(F)$ is N α g-closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is N α g-continuous and by the definition, f is Ngp-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as proved by the following example. □

Example 3.8. Let $U = \{a,b,c,d\}$, $X = \{a,c\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$ and $\tau_R^C(X) = \{U, \phi, \{b,c,d\}, \{a\}\}$. Also $V = \{w,x,y,z\}$, $Y = \{w,x\}$ and $V/R = \{\{w\}, \{y\}, \{x,z\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{w\}, \{w,x,z\}, \{x,z\}\}$, and $\tau_R^C(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x,y,z\}, \{y\}, \{w,y\}\}$. Define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = w, f(b) = x, f(c) = y, f(d) = z$ which is nano Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. But for the nano closed set $\{y\}$ in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, its inverse $f^{-1}(y) = \{c\}$ is not N α g-continuous and Ngp-continuous. Hence f is not N α g-continuous and Ngp-continuous.

From the theorem 3.7, the class of Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function contained in N α g-continuous and Ngp-continuous functions. Therefore the class of Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous functions lies between N α -continuous and N α g-continuous functions.

Theorem 3.9. If a function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function, Then $f(Ng\hat{\alpha}cl(A)) \subseteq Ncl(f(A))$, for every subset A of $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Proof. Suppose $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function. Let A be any subset of $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Then $Ncl(f(A))$ is nano closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. As f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(Ncl(f(A)))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and it contains A . That is $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(f(A)))$. But Ng $\hat{\alpha}cl(A)$ is the intersection of all Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed sets containing A . Therefore Ng $\hat{\alpha}cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(f(A)))$ and hence $f(Ng\hat{\alpha}cl(A)) \subseteq Ncl(f(A))$. □

Theorem 3.10. Every Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function is Ngpr-continuous.

Proof. Let a function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function. Let G be any nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $f^{-1}(G)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed. Since every Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set is Ngpr-closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(G)$ is Ngpr-closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is Ngpr-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as proved by the following example. □

Example 3.11. Let $U = \{a,b,c,d\}$, $X = \{a,c\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$ and $\tau_R^C(X) = \{U, \phi, \{b,c,d\}, \{a\}\}$. Also $V = \{w,x,y,z\}$, $Y = \{w,x\}$ and $V/R = \{\{w\}, \{y\}, \{x,z\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{w\}, \{w,x,z\}, \{x,z\}\}$, and $\tau_R^C(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x,y,z\}, \{y\}, \{w,y\}\}$. Define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = w, f(b) = x, f(c) = y, f(d) = z$ which is nano Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. But for the nano closed set $\{w,y\}$ in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, its inverse $f^{-1}(w,y) = \{a,c\}$ is not Ngpr-continuous. Hence f is not Ngpr-continuous.

Theorem 3.12. Every Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function is N α gr-continuous.

Proof. Let G be a nano closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $f^{-1}(G)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Since f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. Since every Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set is N α gr-closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(G)$ is N α gr-closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Hence f is N α gr-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as proved by the following example. □

Example 3.13. From by the above theorem 3.12 $f^{-1}(w,y) = \{a,c\}$ is not N α gr-continuous but not Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.14. If a function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous and if A is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -open (or Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed) subset of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -open (or Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed) in $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Proof. Let A be a Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ and G be any Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Such that $G \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$. Then $f(G) \subseteq A$. By hypothesis $f(G)$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set and A is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Therefore $f(G) \subseteq N\alpha int(A)$. Since a subset A of $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -open iff $F \subseteq N\alpha int(A)$ whenever F is Ng-closed and $F \subseteq A$ and so $G \subseteq f^{-1}(N\alpha int(A))$. Since f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous, $N\alpha int(A)$ is N α -open in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. So $N\alpha int(A)$



is nano open in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(N\alpha\text{int}(A))$ is Ng α -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Thus $G \subseteq N\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(N\alpha\text{int}(A))) \subseteq N\text{int}(f^{-1}(A))$, that is $G \subseteq N\text{int}(f^{-1}(A))$. So a subset A of $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is Ng α -open iff $F \subseteq N\alpha\text{int}(A)$ whenever F is Ng-closed and $F \subseteq A$. Hence $f^{-1}(A)$ is Ng α -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. □

Remark 3.15. The concepts of Ng α -continuous and Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous independent of each other as seen from the following examples.

Example 3.16. Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $X = \{a, b\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a, d\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, d\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(X) = \{U, \phi, \{a, c, d\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Also $V = \{w, x, y, z\}$, $Y = \{w, x\}$ and $V/R = \{\{w\}, \{y, z\}, \{x, z\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{w\}, \{w, x, y\}, \{x, y\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x, y, z\}, \{z\}, \{w, z\}\}$. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be an identity function. Then f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous but not Ng α -continuous. Since the closed set $\{w, z\}$ in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, its inverse $f^{-1}(w, z) = \{a, d\}$ is not Ng-closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$.

Remark 3.17. The following examples shows that Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous is independent of Ng-closed, Ng α -closed, Ns-closed and N β -closed sets.

Example 3.18. Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $X = \{a, c\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(X) = \{U, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{a\}\}$. Also $V = \{w, x, y, z\}$, $Y = \{w, x\}$ and $V/R = \{\{w\}, \{x, y\}, \{z\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{w\}, \{w, x, y\}, \{x, y\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x, y, z\}, \{z\}, \{w, z\}\}$. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be an identity function. Then f is Ng-continuous, Ng α -continuous, Ns-continuous and N β -continuous but not Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. Since the closed set $\{z\}$ in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, its inverse $f^{-1}(z) = \{d\}$ is not Ng α -continuous.

Theorem 3.19. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous, then $f(Ng\alpha\text{cl}(A))$ is not necessarily equal to $Ncl(f(A))$ where $A \subseteq U$.

Proof. Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}$. Let $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, d\}\}$ which are nano open sets. Ng α -closed sets are $\{U, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Ng α -open sets are $\{U, \phi, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{d\}, \{b\}, \{a\}\}$. Let $V = \{w, x, y, z\}$ with $V/R = \{\{w\}, \{x, y\}, \{z\}\}$. Let $Y = \{x, z\} \subseteq V$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \phi, \{x\}, \{y, z\}, \{x, y, z\}\}$ which are nano open sets. Ng α -closed sets are $\{V, \phi, \{y, z, w\}, \{x, z, w\}, \{x, y, w\}, \{x, y, z\}, \{y, z\}, \{x, w\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}\}$. Ng α -open sets are $\{V, \phi, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}, \{w\}, \{x, w\}, \{x, z\}, \{z, w\}, \{y, w\}, \{y, z, w\}, \{x, z, w\}, \{x, y, w\}\}$. Define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = y$, $f(b) = x$, $f(c) = w$, $f(d) = z$. Then $f^{-1}(V) = U$, $f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$, $f^{-1}(\{y, z\}) = \{a, d\}$, $f^{-1}(\{x\}) = \{b\}$, $f^{-1}(\{x, y, z\}) =$

$\{a, b, d\}$. Thus the inverse image of every nano open set in V is Ng α -open in U . Hence $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous on U . Let $A = \{b, d\} \subseteq U$. Now $Ng\alpha\text{-cl}(A) = \{b, d\}$ and hence $f(Ng\alpha\text{cl}(A)) = f(\{b, d\}) = \{x, z\}$. Now $Ncl(f(A)) = Ncl(f(\{b, d\})) = Ncl(\{x, z\}) = \{x, y\}$. That is, the equality does not hold in the above theorem when f is nano continuous and thus $f(Ng\alpha\text{cl}(A)) \neq Ncl(f(A))$ even though f is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. □

Theorem 3.20. A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function if and only if $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$ for every subset B of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$.

Proof. Let $B \subseteq V$ and $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. Then $Ncl(B)$ is nano closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ and hence $f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$ is Ng α -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Therefore, $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(Ncl(B))) = f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. Since $B \subseteq Ncl(B)$, then $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. ie., $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(Ncl(B))) = f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. Hence $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. Conversely, Let $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$ for every subset $B \subseteq V$. Now let B be nano closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ then $Ncl(B) = B$. Given $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(Ncl(B))) = f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. Hence $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$. But $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))$ and hence $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$. Thus $f^{-1}(B)$ is Ng α -closed set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$ for every nano closed set B in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Hence $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. □

Theorem 3.21. A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function if and only if $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$.

Proof. Let $B \subseteq V$ and $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. Then $Ncl(B)$ is nano closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Now $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B))$ is Ng α -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. ie., $Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)))$. Also, for $B \subseteq V$, $N\text{int}(B) \subseteq B$ always. Then $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. Therefore, $Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B))) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$. ie., $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$.

Conversely, Let $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Let B be nano open in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ and hence $N\text{int}(B) = B$. Given $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(N\text{int}(B)))$. ie., $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$. Also $Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. Hence $f^{-1}(B) = Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$ which implies that $f^{-1}(B)$ is Ng α -open in $(U, \tau_R(X))$ for every nano open set B of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Therefore $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng $\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. □

Example 3.22. In example 3.19, Let us define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = y$, $f(b) = x$, $f(c) = z$, $f(d) = w$. Here f is Ng α -continuous. Since the inverse image of every nano open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is Ng α -open in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Let $B = \{y\} \subset V$. Then $Ncl(B) = \{y, z, w\}$. Hence $f^{-1}(Ncl(B)) = f^{-1}(\{y, z, w\}) = \{a, c, d\}$. Also $f^{-1}(B) = \{a\}$. Hence $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) = Ng\alpha\text{cl}(a) = \{a\}$. Thus $Ng\alpha\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \neq f^{-1}(Ncl(B))$. Also when $A = \{y, z, w\} \subseteq V$, $f^{-1}(N\text{int}(A)) = f^{-1}(\{y, z\}) = \{a, c\}$. But $Ng\alpha\text{int}(f^{-1}(A)) = Ng\alpha\text{int}(\{a, c, d\}) = \{a, c, d\}$. That is



$f^{-1}(\text{Nint}(A)) \neq \text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}\text{int}(f^{-1}(A))$. Thus the equality does not hold in the above theorem when f is nano continuous.

4. $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute functions

Analogous to irresolute maps in nano topological spaces we introduce the class of $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute functions which is included in the class of $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous functions. In this section we investigate basic properties of $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute functions.

Definition 4.1. Let $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ be nano topological spaces and a function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is called Nano $\hat{g}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute (briefly $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute) if the inverse image of every $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in V is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in U .

Theorem 4.2. A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute, then f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

Proof. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute, then the inverse image of every $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Let F be nano closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$, then F is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ and f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute. Hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed. Therefore f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. \square

Remark 4.3. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 4.4. Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $X = \{a, c\}$ and $U/R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(X) = \{U, \emptyset, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c\}\}$. Also $V = \{x, y, z, w\}$, $Y = \{x, z\}$ and $V/R = \{\{x, y\}, \{z\}, \{w\}\}$. Then $\tau_R(Y) = \{V, \emptyset, \{z\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, y, z\}\}$, and $\tau_R^c(Y) = \{V, \emptyset, \{x, y, w\}, \{z, w\}, \{w\}\}$. Define $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ as $f(a) = z, f(b) = y, f(c) = x, f(d) = w$. Then $f^{-1}(\{z\}) = \{a\}, f^{-1}(\{x, y\}) = \{b, c\}, f^{-1}(\{x, y, z\}) = \{a, b, c\}$. Thus $\{a\}, \{b, c\}$ and $\{a, b, c\}$ are $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open sets in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. That is the inverse image of every nano open set in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Therefore f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. But f is not $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute. Since $f^{-1}(\{y, z, w\}) = \{a, b, d\}$ which is not $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in $(U, \tau_R(X))$ where as $\{y, z, w\}$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Thus a $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous function is not $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute.

Theorem 4.5. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ are both $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute.

Proof. Let A be $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open in W . Then $g^{-1}(A)$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open in V . Since g is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open in U . Since f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute. Hence $g \circ f$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute. \square

Theorem 4.6. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

Theorem 4.7. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous. *Proof of the theorem 4.6 and 4.7 are obvious.*

Theorem 4.8. 1. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano semi-continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

2. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano pre-continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

3. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano regular-continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

4. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano α -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

5. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano g -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

6. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano gs -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

7. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano gr -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

8. If $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -irresolute and $g: (V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is nano αg -continuous, then $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -continuous.

proof of the above theorems are obvious.

5. $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open and closed functions

Definition 5.1. A function $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is said to be $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open (resp. $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed) function if the inverse image of every nano open (resp. nano closed) set in $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open (resp. $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed) in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$.

Theorem 5.2. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be a function. If f is an nano open function, then f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open function.

Proof. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be a nano open function and S be a nano open set in U . Thus $f(S)$ is nano open and hence $f(S)$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open in V . Thus f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -open. \square

Theorem 5.3. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be a function. If f is an nano closed function, then f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed function.

Proof. Let $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ be a nano closed function and S be a nano closed set in U . Thus $f(S)$ is nano closed and hence $f(S)$ is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed in V . Thus f is $\text{Ng}\hat{\alpha}$ -closed. \square



Theorem 5.4. A function $f:(U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed if and only if for each subset B of V and for each nano open set G containing $f^{-1}(B)$ there exists a $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -open set F of V such that $B \subseteq F$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq G$.

Proof. Necessity: Let G be a nano open subset of $(U, \tau_R(X))$ and B be a subset of V such that $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq G$. Define, $F = V - f(U - G)$. Since, f is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed. Then F is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -open set containing B such that $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq G$.

Sufficiency : Let E be a nano closed subset of $(U, \tau_R(X))$. Then $f^{-1}(V - f(E)) \subseteq (U - E)$ and $(U - E)$ is nano open. By hypothesis, there is a $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -open set F of $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ such that $V - f(E) \subseteq F$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U - E$. Therefore $E \subseteq U - f^{-1}(F)$. Hence, $V - F \subseteq f(E) \subseteq f(U - f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq V - F$. Which implies that $f(E) = V - F$ and hence $f(E)$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed in $(V, \tau_R(Y))$. Therefore, f is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed function. \square

Theorem 5.5. If a function $f:(U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ is nano closed and a function $g:(V, \tau_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed then their composition $gf:(U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (W, \tau_R(Z))$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed.

Proof. Let H be a nano closed set in U . Then $f(H)$ is nano closed in V and $(g \circ f)(H) = g(f(H))$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed, as g is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed. Hence, $g \circ f$ is $\text{Ng}\alpha$ -closed. \square

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